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SUBJ: MILITARY SURPLUS TEAM TO BELGRADE

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1. IN JUN 25 MEETING WITH FSFA ASST SECY BERNARDIC, AMBASSADOR STATED PER REFTEL THAT U.S. PREPARED TO SEND A TEAM TO DISCUSS WITH YUGOSLAVS HOW, WITHIN CONTEXT OF AGREEMENTS, WE CAN JOINTLY DEVELOP IMPROVED PROCEDURES FOR DISPOSAL OF US-PROVIDED MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND TO DO SO ABOUT MID-AUGUST. BERNARDIC SEEMED BOTH PLEASED AND RELIEVED AT THIS AND SAID HE WOULD DO HIS BEST TO CONVINCE YUGOSLAV MILITARY AUTHORITIES TO ACCEPT MID-AUGUST DATE (BERNARDIC ADDED THAT IT WAS UNDERSTOOD BETWEEN MINIC AND CHRISTOPHER THAT NEXT STEP AFTER VISIT OF U.S. TEAM WOULD BE VISIT OF YUGOSLAV MARK-44 TORPEDO TEAM TO U.S.).

2. SAME DAY DATT CALLED TO MEETING WITH COL. GRKOVIC, WHO IS ASSISTANT TO SECDEF LJUBICIC. GRKOVIC SAID YUGOSLAV MILITARY EAGER TO GET THIS MATTER OUT OF WAY BEFORE KARDELJ AND CEMALOVIC VISITS IN SEPT AND OCT. THEREFORE THEY PREPARED RECEIVE U.S. TEAM MID-AUGUST. GURKOVIC'S ONLY REQUEST WAS THAT AS THIS TIMING MEANS A NUMBER OF YUGOSLAVS WILL BE KEPT FROM GOING ON THEIR
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VACATION, THEY NEED TO KNOW URGENTLY PRECISE DATES.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: NOTIFY EMBASSY DATES FOR TEAM VISIT ASAP.
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